

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Revised Waste Discharge Requirements and a New Cease and Desist Order
for

Guenoc Winery, Inc.
Guenoc Winery

Lake County

Guenoc Winery, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates the Guenoc Winery. The winery will process up to 140,000 cases per year for export and local sale. Wastewater was previously treated in a series of five unlined evaporation/percolation ponds and was discharged to approximately seven acres of pastureland (Dedicated Disposal Area No. 1; DDA-1) or to 54 acres of pastureland (DDA-2). However, because this discharge polluted the underlying groundwater with salts (designated waste) and the Discharger did not comply with the schedule in the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to cease the discharge of this waste to the ponds and to DDA-1, these revised WDRs were prepared. Wastewater will now be treated using a Bioreactor and a lined pond meeting Title 27 performance and prescriptive standards. Surface water from a nearby lake will be added to the wastewater prior to irrigating DDA-2. In addition, because the Discharger is unable to immediately comply with the limitations of the revised WDRs and because the Discharger must remediate its plume of polluted groundwater, a companion Cease and Desist Order (C&D) was prepared. The companion C&D Order requires the Discharger to submit a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) containing a design for a lined pond that meets the performance and prescriptive standards of Title 27. This pond must be constructed and operational by 1 July 2007. In addition, the companion C&D Order requires the Discharger to install and operate the Bioreactor by 1 October 2006, and to submit a report certifying that the treatment system has been built as described in the revised WDRs.

An **informal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 4/5 May 2006
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed informal hearing item must submit evidence, if any, or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **1 May 2006**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **1 May 2006** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

An objection by a party, either in writing or at the time of the hearing, to the decision to hold an **informal** hearing shall be resolved by the Board Chair before going ahead under the informal procedure. Failure to make a timely objection to the use of informal hearing procedures before those procedures are used will constitute consent to an informal hearing.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and Cease and Desist Order should contact Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

Jack E. Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

14 April 2006